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Prior Application: A. SANADA et al
Serial No. 09/987,815
Filed: November 16, 2001

Group Art Unit: 3627
Examiner: F. Zender
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
RENTAL STORAGE SYSTEM

REQUEST FOR DIVISIONAL APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Commissioner for Patents
Mail Stop Patent Application
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/987,815, filed on November 16, 2001, entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RENTAL STORAGE SYSTEM, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

3. A Credit Card Payment Form including the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

3. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

7. New drawings are enclosed, twelve (12) sheets, Figs. 1-17.

8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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Please associate this application with Customer No. 24956.

9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.

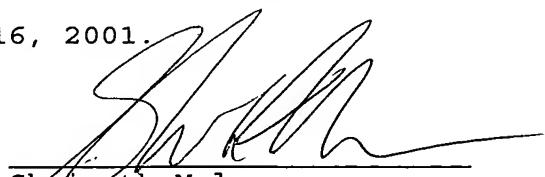
10. Priority of the following Japanese patent application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 2001-117611, filed April 17, 2001.

The certified copy has been filed in the parent application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed

in the present divisional application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/987,815, as originally filed on November 16, 2001.



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